

THE FLYING FINN  
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EMBARRASS, MN 55732

JUNE 2015  
ISSUE #339



Flag Day - 6/14

## National Sauna Day

**Saturday  
June 6**

10am-4pm

**Nelimark  
Homestead**



**Food  
Games  
Tour  
Coffee  
Live Music**

*Happy Fathers Day - Sunday, June 21*

Embarrass Town Board Meeting – Wednesday, June 3, 6:00 p.m. @ Town Hall  
Embarrass Region Flower & Garden Club – Wednesday, June 3, 6:30 p.m. @ Pike Town Hall  
Sisu Heritage Meeting – Monday, June 15, 6:30 p.m. @ Town Hall  
Embarrass Region Fair Board Meeting – Thursday, June 18, 6:30 p.m. @ Timber Hall

Please submit materials for the JULY 2015 issue to the Embarrass Clerk's Office  
By Thursday, June 18. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday – Thursday. 218-984-2084  
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# JUNE 2015



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

	1	2	3 <b>Town Board Meeting 6:00 pm</b>	4	5	6 <i>Hall Rental</i>  National Sauna Day 10-4 Nelimark Homestead
7  Vermilion 4-H Club Mtg @ Embarrass Town Hall 4:00 pm	8  Exercise Group 5:00 pm	9  Ladies Coffee 10-11 am  Exercise Group 5:00 pm	10	11  Conversational Finnish 1:00p @ Nelimark  Exercise Group 5:00pm Town Hall	12	13 <i>Hall Rental</i>
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21  <i>Summer Begins</i>	22  Exercise Group 5:00 pm	23  Ladies Coffee 10-11 am  Exercise Group 5:00 pm	24 <b>Clerk's Office Closed</b>  Summer Short Course	25  Conversational Finnish 1:00p @ Nelimark  Exercise Group 5:00pm Town Hall	26	27
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## FROM THE EDITOR

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# EMBARRASS TOWN BOARD NEWS

## Town of Embarrass

### Property Inspection - May 6, 2015

*-pending approval-*

Present: Gene Wright, Phil Hebl, Zane Beaton, Diane Nelmark

The board met at 4:00 p.m to travel Township roads and visit all township properties. The ongoing list of projects was updated to add new or remove completed projects. A complete list is available in the clerk's office. The board returned to the town hall at 6:00 for the regular meeting.

## Regular Meeting

May 6, 2015

*-pending approval-*

Present: Gene Wright, Phil Hebl, Zane Beaton, Diane Nelmark; Visitors: Mickey White

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Gene Wright with the Pledge of Allegiance.

April Meeting Minutes & Treasurer's Report were reviewed. *Motion by Phil, Second by Gene to approve April 8, 2015 minutes. Carried 3-0. Motion by Gene, Second by Zane to approve the April Treasurer's Report pending future audit. Carried 3-0.* Board discussed using the Capital Fund to purchase a mower deck for the 42" Cub Cadet Mower.

### Reports:

**Maintenance:** All machines have been readied for summer work. Hall, Cemetery and Campground properties were cleaned/raked with the help of STS crews. Motion by Gene, Second by Phil to hire one more person for summer maintenance due to items discussed during property inspection. Carried. Applications have been received periodically over the past year. Motion by Zane, Second by Gene to hire Caleb Eckman for summer help at \$9.50 per hour with a 30 day probation period. Carried 3-0. Caleb will meet with Alvin & Diane prior to starting work.

**Roads:** Several roads will need gravel in 2015 – this will be posted after a decision is made on how much gravel is needed. May need to put fabric and then gravel on parts of

Hanka Nevala Rd depending on the cost of the project. Phil will contact Lake States regarding fixing the culvert on Waris Rd.

**Campground:** Harold Mastin has been hired as Caretaker of Heritage Park & Campground. He will work specified hours on Friday, Saturday and Sunday to clean and maintain the campground and shower house as well as greet guests and take payments as needed. The maintenance crew will take care of cleaning and maintenance from Monday through Thursday.

**Sisu:** Mickey discussed possible scenarios of the Embarrass Apostolic Lutheran Church maintenance. Sisu and church leadership are discussing the transfer of ownership. Painting will be completed on the Nelmark Garage this summer.

**Mesabi Trail:** Meeting was held this past Monday (May 4) at the Embarrass Town Hall. Bob Manzoline will attend a future board meeting to discuss trail routes. (Clerk's note: Bob will attend the June 3 meeting.)

**Prospectors Trail Alliance:** Trail group is working on signage issues so there is consistency with signs along the route.

### Old Business:

Gene & Diane met with Whitney Ridlon of IRRRB to discuss community planning options. There are still a lot of questions on both sides as to the feasibility of this type of program. More research and discussion is needed.

A switch has been installed at the rink so the new security lights can be turned off.

The thermometer box for the weather center will be repaired as best as possible and placed back on site. These types of boxes are no longer being made or used by the National Weather Service and would be very expensive to duplicate.

### New Business:

"No trespassing" signs have been placed at the cemetery by an adjacent property owner and trails have been cut through a portion of said property. Someone from the board will talk

to the property owner about moving the signs to the property line and not using township property for private trails.

Motion by Gene, Second by Phil to send a letter to Senator Rick Nolan's office regarding the importance of the post office to Embarrass residents. Carried 3-0.

The Memorial Day Service will be at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, May 25 at the cemetery, followed by coffee and rolls at the town hall.

Motion by Gene, Second by Zane to allow the courts to handle the record expungement notice received at the last meeting as the township has no direct involvement in the issue or original charges. Carried 3-0.

**Correspondence:** MN Department of Health has new requirements for Seasonal Public Water Systems that will be effective April 1, 2016. Procedures need to be written on how water is tested before the water at the campground is turned on.

*Motion by Gene, Second by Phil to pass the Consent Agenda (Claims 15089-15112: \$5,542.79, Payroll \$4,014.52). Carried 3-0.*

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Audit was completed and books were in order.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Diane Nelmark, Town Clerk



**CLERK'S CORNER**

Welcome sunshine! The camground is open, Sisu ladies are hosting guests at the Nelmark, kids baseball will start soon and summer weather has hit. Get out and enjoy all the activities that our community has to offer. Stop by the town hall playground, take a tour of the Finnish Homesteads, swing a bat at the ball field, walk the trail at the park....Enjoy!

Embarrass Township would like to thank all who volunteered and provided a beautiful ceremony again at the cemetery on Memorial Day: Savannah Larson for singing the National Anthem, Pastor Carl Lamppa for his invocation and prayer and to the Aurora American Legion for honoring our veterans. Thanks also to Grateful Hearts Family Kitchen for the rolls at the Town Hall and those who helped in the kitchen. What a nice gathering on a cool, rainy Monday morning!

**ADS FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES**

Suggested donation to The Flying Finn  
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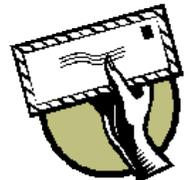
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 or call the Embarrass Town Clerk at 984-2084.

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The Flying Finn and the Town of Embarrass welcome announcements about community events and community groups. These submitted announcements are printed here and on following pages. Neither the Town of Embarrass nor The Flying Finn necessarily endorses the viewpoints or ideology of these groups or their events. The Town of Embarrass reserves the right to publish or not publish any letter to the editor or submitted material.



## Waasa Township

**Regular Board Meeting  
Thursday, May 7, 2015**

*Pending Board Approval:*

**Board Members Present:** Mitch Lind, Emily Quick, Bonnie Keller and Sandra Gibson; **Absent:** Russ Webb

**Visitors:** David Hess, Jim Suikhonen, Ken Pulkinen and Linda Pulkinen

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Emily Quick at 7 p.m. and then Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Minutes Approval:** Emily moved to approve the April 2, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes. Mitch supported. Carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Total disbursements for April were: \$1,573.59. There were no receipts. Emily moved to accept the report and Mitch supported. Carried (2-0).

**Approval to Pay Bills:** Emily motioned to approve payment of Claims #27-33 plus board payroll and PERA. Mitch supported. Carried (2-0)

**Roads:** Russ checked the township roads this week and ordered grading on some.

**Old Business:** Only one contractor submitted an estimate to re-shingle the Town Hall roof and take down the two chimneys. Emily moved that the estimate of \$14,000.00 from Woodland Builders of the Iron Range, Inc. be accepted. Mitch supported. Carried (2-0). Mitch will be in contact with Woodland Builders.

We are still waiting on the claim submitted to CertainTeed Company for the faulty shingles on the Town Hall roof. Another call was made to find out the status of the claim. It has been approved for payment and should be in the mail within 7 -10 business days.

The furnace has been advertised and posted but has not yet been sold.

Certified letters were sent to County Commissioner Tom Rukavina and Public Works Director Jim Foldesi asking for confirmation of the plan that the Kaunonen Lake Road Bridge be repaired and a time frame for this work. Mr. Rukavina has acknowledged our letter and Mr. Foldesi will respond when a work date has been set. This news was met with appreciation by all in attendance.

Mitch was thanked for replacing the trap under the kitchen sink at the hall.

Sandra and Bonnie reported on the Spring Short Course they attended.

Local Board of Appeal & Equalization Meeting minutes were reviewed and accepted by Emily and with Mitch supporting.

**New Business:** Insulation North, LLC will do a walk thru of the Town Hall on May 18 at 6 p.m. to make recommendations. Mitch and Sandra will be present.

A family had questions about the rules on placement of cemetery headstones and footstones. Questions were answered and they were given a copy of Waasa Cemetery Rules for reference.

**Correspondence:** All mail was read and filed.

**Adjournment:** Emily moved to adjourn at 7:54 p.m. with support from Mitch. Carried (2-0).

Respectfully Submitted, Sandra Gibson, Waasa Town Clerk & Emily Quick, Board Vice-Chair



## Bookmobile Schedule

Visit your library on wheels, the Arrowhead Library System Bookmobile, at the local stop listed below.

**Embarrass - Four Corners Parking Lot  
Wednesday, June 10, 2015  
5:15 - 6:00 p.m.**

For further information on the Bookmobile or Mail-a-Book services write the Arrowhead Library System, 5528 Emerald Ave., Mt Iron, MN 55768, call 218-741-3840, or check out the website at

[www.arrowhead.lib.mn.us](http://www.arrowhead.lib.mn.us)

# PIKE'S PLACE

## **Town of Pike REGULAR MEETING**

Pike Town Hall  
May 12, 2015

Chairman Langowski called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. All board members were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The minutes from April 29, 2015 were accepted as read by Rasmusson/Johnson 3-0. The Treasurer's report was accepted as read on a motion by Johnson/Rasmusson 3-0. A transfer from the general fund to the road & bridge fund was made on a motion by Johnson/Rasmusson 3-0.

Claim forms 1720-1728 were accepted by Langowski/Johnson 3-0.

### OLD BUSINESS:

A resolution was passed to accept the offer from Northeast Service Cooperative for broadband to connect to the town hall (free of charge and free service for two years) on a grant for their Border to Border Broadband project.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Bill Raida, and his two sons, were present to express their concern for his land that borders the West Pike Cemetery. There was a misunderstanding about the old flag pole being buried on his property. Supervisor Langowski called Mr. Raida at the time it occurred to explain that his land was disturbed but nothing was buried there. Supervisor Rasmusson called to apologize about the mistake of being over the property line and assured Mr. Raida that nothing was buried there.

Clerk Backman will check prices for two new nets for the basketball hoops at the tennis court.

### NEXT MEETING:

Next meeting will be a regular meeting; **Tuesday, June 9, 2015, 7:00pm** @ Pike Town Hall. Community members are welcome to attend all township meetings. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Johnson/Rasmusson 3-0.

Respectfully, Jodi Backman, Clerk

\*\*These minutes have not yet been approved by the Town Board\*\*

## **PIKE SANDY WOMEN'S CLUB**



Thank you to all who attended, danced and brought wonderful food and desserts for the **2nd Annual Community "Potluck" Family Night** at the Pike Town Hall. The Pike Sandy Women Members are a special group of ladies who are very giving and we thank each and every one of you who were able to contribute to this event.



A Very Special heartfelt "Thank You" to our featured entertainment of musicians and singers *THE HUTTER BUNCH* and to those who shared their personal time and gave of their musical talents that evening. A Special "Thank You" to Terry King, Richard Vandervort, Tom Kessanen, Art Maki, John Jacobson, Laverne Heisterkamp, Darwin Alar, Ralph Isaacson and Smokey Weatherton. Also, to one of our own Pike-Sandy Women...Sandy Gorill...as she joined in with the Hutter Bunch for a beautiful solo and a special duet with Laverne!

### **50/50 Raffle for Defibrillator**

The Women's Club held a 50/50 Raffle to raise funds for a new defibrillator for the Pike-Sandy-Britt Fire Departments. In one month 590 tickets were sold! The winning 50/50 ticket was won by Carol Zabloski, daughter of member Jean Haavisto. Carol donated her 50% winnings back to the Fire Department, making the total contribution \$590! Thank you very much Carol for your special generosity and giving back for a very special need. You are indeed a special lady, just like your mom!

***If you have any questions or are interested in more information about the Pike Sandy Women's Club, please contact Thora Monson at 749-1535.***

*Sisu Heritage*  
**“NATIONAL SAUNA DAY”**

**Saturday, June 6**  
**10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Nelimark Homestead**  
 4839 Salo Rd  
 (across from Timber Hall in Embarrass)

This will be a simple event, celebrating the Sauna!

**Bus Tour of Embarrass Sauna's  
 Food, Raffles and Sauna Stories  
 Games** (Boot Throwing & Sauna Stove Game)

**Visit Log Buildings at Nelimark Homestead**  
 (including TWO saunas!)

**Live Music by Steve Tedman**

Steve Tedman is a young man from Palo, who plays accordion and sings a variety of songs, including Finnish tunes

The Nelimark Homestead Museum & Gift Shop will be open throughout the day, featuring a sauna exhibit and sauna merchandise. For more information, call 218-984-3012. We will feature a Sauna Exhibit again this summer and are looking for more sauna photos and sauna stories from people in this area. If you have a sauna, please send us some pictures via the internet ([embfree@frontier.com](mailto:embfree@frontier.com)). Include a story or two that you might have from the past about sauna traditions in your home. We will make them a part of this year's exhibit.

***Nelimark Homestead Museum***

The Nelimark Homestead Museum opens Thursday, May 28 at 10 a.m. The coffee and goodies will be on and we are looking forward to our guests returning for time around the table.

Gary Rantala will be continuing the popular “Finn Talk” at 1 p.m. on Thursdays. We are moving to the Living Room because of this growing group. If you are interested in learning Finn, or conversing in Finn, or maybe you want to get in on some really interesting history of the area, this is the time and place.

Friday is “Bread Day”, the fresh bread arrives by 1 p.m.

June 11-13 will be “Rhubarb Daze” with everything rhubarb. (Everything we can think of, that is )

Stop by for a visit and take some time to walk the property and see the log buildings and sauna's. Come in for coffee, browse the gift shop and museum. Some of the best history happens around the table as folks share their stories of days gone by.

On nice days take time to walk the trail and see all the beauty that surrounds us.



*Join us for some morning coffee and pampering. These sessions are "practice" sessions for me to get feedback for possible further clinics with community-ed and other groups. The clinics are FREE and each has a different focus. Please come!*

**All sessions immediately precede Ladies Coffee on Tuesdays. Come for pampering, stay for coffee and friendship!**

June 2 - Skin Care. Learn about the largest organ in your body and how to take care of it so it stays tight, firm, smooth, and radiant.

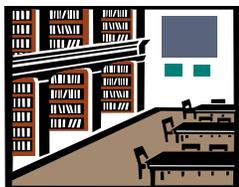
June 23 - Anti-Aging. Got wrinkles? Experience an Instant Facelift without needles and surgery. You won't want to miss this one.

June 30 - Makeup and more. Glam it up! Learn what mama never taught you about how to use color to make you look your best.

July 7 - Bath & Body. Ahhhh....relax and detox your skin...with your clothes on!

*Everyone with skin welcome!*

*For more information,  
 Call Sue Beaton at 750-2718.*



## BABBITT PUBLIC LIBRARY

**Hours: Mon-Thur 12-6; Friday 12-5**

Babbitt Summer Reading Program "Read to the Rhythm"  
(June 8 – July 24). Sign-up for the program begins June 8 and the last day to turn in records is July 24.

Programs:

- June 8 @ 1:00 p.m. Hans Mayer
- June 9 @ 1:00 p.m. Climb Theater – Anansi the Spider
- June 17 @ 2:00 p.m. Lemon Line-Up Puppets
- June 24 @ 2:00 p.m. Musical Carnival
- July 1 @ 2:00 p.m. Gerry Mealey – Playing Accordion
- July 8 @ 2:00 p.m. Karen Stone – Reading stories & Making a Musical Instrument
- July 13 @ 1:00 p.m. Pint Size Polkas
- July 14 @ 9:30 a.m. Zaraawar Mistry
- July 22 @ 2:00 p.m. Theresa Miller (Singing & Playing the Guitar)

*Lisa Pennala, Director*  
218-827-3345



## EMBARRASS REGION FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB

Next meeting is at the  
Pike Town Hall

June 3 at 6:30 P.M.

Please come and bring your gardening questions. Coffee an' will be served.

**For further information  
please call 984-3002.**

## The Smoke Column

The ERVFD would like to take this opportunity to remind you as a home owner to clear debris and brush from your emergency location number sign (911 number signage/ address) to ensure it is visible to those who would be responding to your home should you call for help. Every minute counts, so having a clear view of the sign aid responders in locating you in those times of need. If you need additional information related to those signs, check out the St. Louis County website at:

[www.stlouiscountymn.gov/LANDPROPERTY/BuildingZoning/911Address.aspx](http://www.stlouiscountymn.gov/LANDPROPERTY/BuildingZoning/911Address.aspx)

ERVFD thanks you all for your continued support in keeping our community safe and wishes you all a great summer.

*ERVFD – Chief, Michael Hamilton*



## Northwoods Saddle Club

May 14, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 P.M. Secretary's minutes were read & approved. Treasurer's report read & approved. Mowing will be done the week of the 1st Playday. Ed did till the Arena. Motion made to pay for scoopers at the Parades, tilling, buy toilet paper & to have porta potties pumped. Daniel will purchase supplies. The Arena Contract will be discussed at the meeting in June. Motion made to purchase 4 pieces of plywood & additional boards to fix concession stand & to anchor it down. Kathy, from Embarrass Region Fair, was present & talked about the "New" Costume Contest that will be held on Sunday, August 30, during the Fair. A Kiddy Korner will also be set up at the Fair. Any volunteers that would be available would be greatly appreciated.

Our 1st Playday will be held on Saturday, June 13, starting at 9:30 A.M. Just a reminder that a hard copy of Coggins will be required as the Saddle Club will no longer be writing down numbers. Next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 11 at Timber Hall, 7 P.M.

Respectfully submitted... Lori W (acting Secretary as Terri was not present)

The Lake  
Vermilion  
Cultural  
Center  
Cordially  
Invites you to



# MIDSUMMER IN FINLAND

JUNE 20 AND 21

TOWER CIVIC CENTER  
TOWER, MN

**SATURDAY 4:30 pm**  
with Dinner at 6:00 pm, Show at 7:00 pm

**SUNDAY 1:00 pm**  
Show with Dessert, Shopping & Dancing



## 6/20 SATURDAY EVENING 4:30pm Civic Center



Silent Auction & Social Hour/Cash Bar - *Silent Auction Tent*  
Dinner Call  
Welcome *Tower Mayor Josh Carlson*  
Finnish Prayer *Shirley Barber*  
Dinner  
Show *Midsummer Singers and Finn Hall*

Intermission & Final Silent Auction Bids *Silent Auction Tent*

Introductions *Dining Room*  
Mary Batinich - *LVCC Board of Directors*  
Marion Sederstrom - *James Johnson, Honorary Consul of Finland*  
Nancy Larson - *Finnish Patrons*

Live Auction  
Sauna Skit - *Pete Pellinen and Bill Kimes*  
Finn Hall Band



## 6/21 SUNDAY AFTERNOON 1:00pm

Welcome by Tower Mayor Josh Carlson  
Remarks by Honorary Consul of Finland James Johnson  
About Finn Market - *Louise Gately*  
Show - *Midsummer Singers and Finn Hall*

Intermission & Desserts

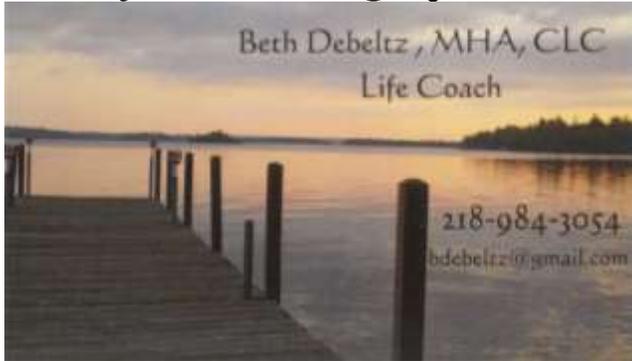
Drawing for Quilt - *LuAnn Zaudtke and Susanna Erickson*  
Sauna Skit - *Pete Pellinen and Bill Kimes*  
Finn Hall Band & Dancing



**Saturday Dinner/Show is \$75 per person**  
**Sunday Dessert/Show is \$15 per person** (18 years and under free on Sunday)

A block of rooms is reserved at the Fortune Bay Resort Casino.  
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# Life Coaching by Beth



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## Beth Debeltz, MHA, CLC

Certified Life Coach

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## **EMBARRASS REGION FAIR ASSOCIATION NEWS:**

The Embarrass Region Fair Association held its regular monthly meeting on May 21, 2015 @ 6:30 p.m. There were 38 in attendance. The Fair Book is ready for print and will be proofed this week prior to print. We still have some room outside under the overhangs for vendors; the inside is full for fair weekend. If there is an organization that would like to rent the kitchen during the fair, please contact Sue Beaton at 750-2718. The Fair Association members will run the kitchen if no one else comes forward. There were 165 at our last pancake breakfast in May. Thank you!! We will resume this monthly event in October.

We have some great music entertainment lined up for fair weekend and things are shaping up very well for the fair. There will be a number of new events this year. We could use more volunteers for that weekend. If you would like to help, contact Craig Johnson at 741-1981. Any help would be greatly appreciated!

*Respectfully Submitted, Robert Schroeder*

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### **Embarrass Transfer Station**

7530 Koski Rd

#### **Hours of Operation**

**Thursday 10 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Saturday 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

#### **CLOSE ENCOUNTERS**

There was a time  
When I did ask,  
Could I resolve  
The awesome task

Of finding just  
What faith's about,  
And which at times  
I tried to spout,

Not knowing that  
I'd drifted to  
The edge of what  
Is called voodoo.

And it was then  
I looked up there,  
The preacher had  
An icy stare,

Obviously trying  
To catch my eye,  
His sweeping glance,  
Then made me try

To extricate  
Myself and lurch,  
Out of the portal  
Of that church,

Dejected that  
I'd been so dumb,  
To contemplate  
Grim martyrdom,

But luckily  
I'd reached the stage,  
That's not too late  
To turn the page.

#### **VENTURE INTO PUGILISM**

Yes I'm convinced  
I should have been,  
Alert enough  
To guard my chin,

From being walloped  
In the first round,  
I should have ducked,  
Instead I found

Myself down on  
The canvas floor,  
That ended quite  
A dismal tour,

And leaving me  
To then conclude,  
A knockout punch,  
Is much too rude.

*Poetry Submitted  
by William Lamppa, Embarrass*

## \* OBITUARIES \*

### **Kevin J. Nystrom, 63**

Kevin James Nystrom, 63, of Eveleth, died on May 7, 2015, at Essentia Health Virginia Care Center. A Memorial Service was held on May 16 at Range Funeral Home with Pastor Donald Norr officiating.

Kevin was born on May 2, 1952, in Soudan, to Odin and Barbara (Leaf) Nystrom. He graduated from Tower=Soudan High School in 1970. Following high school, he studied at Vermilion Community College. Kevin worked as a crusher attendant for Minntac until the early 1980's when he could no longer work full time.

Kevin was an avid outdoorsman. He was a guide on Lake Vermilion and Trout Lake; he enjoyed wild ricing, hunting ducks and woodcock; and he was a ham radio operator - "WBOCVY". He loved visiting with family, telling jokes, and listening to oldies music. Kevin had a huge, kind heart and was a loving brother and uncle.

He is survived by his siblings, Keith (Joan) of Embarrass, Mary Ellen (Jeff) Chopp of Brooklyn Center, Charles (Alice) of North Branch, nieces and nephews, Chris (Jen) Nystrom, Ann (Ben) Johnsey, Karrie Nystrom, Matthew Chopp, James Chopp, Andrew Nystrom and Nolan Nystrom; and great-nephew, AleXander Johnsey.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

### **Dolores M. Rosett, 79**

Dolores M. Rosett, 79, of Embarrass, died on May 6, 2015, at the Boundary Waters Care Center in Ely. Funeral services were held on May 11 at Babbitt Evangelical Lutheran Church with Rev. Evelyn Weston officiating. Burial will be at a later date at the Germantown Cemetery in Goodridge.

She was born on Sept. 11, 1935, in Holt, to Oscar and Gladys (Sampson) Gutterud. She married Richard Rosett on June 2, 1956, in Holt. They moved to Benville in 1959 and moved to the farm she loved in 1964 and had resided there since. Dolores enjoyed sewing, knitting, crocheting, fishing, gardening, dancing, and playing cards with family and friends, but mainly enjoyed spending time with family. During the years she made hundreds of stocking hats and gave them away to various charitable organizations.

She is survived by her husband of 58 plus years, Richard; children, Gary (Joan) Rosett, Randy (Mary) Rosett, Doug Rosett and Shelly Rosett; brother, Lawrence Gutterud; sister, Wilma Baker; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers; and one sister.

### **Harold W. Warren, 85**

Harold Wallace "Wally" Warren, 85, of Embarrass, died peacefully on April 30, 2015, at home with his wife of 57 years, Bunny, and his family by his side. Funeral services were held on May 5 at Range Funeral Home with Jeff Lisakka officiating. Burial was at the Embarrass Cemetery. Military honors were accorded by VFW Post 1539 and American Legion Post 535.

Wally was born on Nov. 26, 1929, in Minersville, Wis., the second of ten children. After school, he joined the Merchant Marines. When he would come home from working on the boats, he always had surprises for all his family. Wally served in the U.S. Army from October 1952 and was honorably discharged in October 1954. He then moved on to the Iron Range, securing a job at Reserve Mining Company in 1955.

Wally and his brother, Jack, set up their bachelor pad in a tiny trailer located behind the dry cleaners in Ely. Wally met his future bride, Helen "Bunny" Caya at the Finnish Apostolic Lutheran Church Valentine's party in Iron River, Mich., on Feb. 14, 1957. It was love at first sight, and they were married just two short months later on April 4, 1957, in Minneapolis. They made their first home in that same tiny trailer behind the dry cleaners in Ely and eventually moved to Benville. (Brother Jack was left to his own resources.)

Wally and Bunny had five daughters while living in Benville, Penny Warren of Embarrass, Ruth Warren of Embarrass, Beth (Scott) Daniels of Alpine Village, Calif., Patricia (Alden) Rhode of Hoyt Lakes and Helen (Kerry) Kangas of Embarrass. They had lost hope of having sons until they moved to the farm in Embarrass where they were blessed with their three sons, Wallace Warren of Embarrass, John "Jack" (Deborah) Warren of Holiday, Fla., and Larry (Sherri) Warren of Hibbing.

Wally is survived by his wife, Bunny; his eight children and their spouses; six siblings, Shirley (Le-Roy) Schiestl of Minneapolis, Joyce (Kenneth) Luttinen of Abbotsford, Lois (Peter) O'Dovero of Marquette, Mary (Kenneth) Kivi of Minneapolis, Robert "Bub" (Terri) Warren and Susan (James) Wiener, both of Highbridge; sister-in-law, Jean "Jeano" Warren; brother-in-law, Gordon "Gordy" Kivi; 24 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Ida Warren; brother, John "Jack" Warren; sisters, JoAnn Kivi and Eleanor "Ellie" LeDell; brother-in-law, Dean LeDell; granddaughter, Jennifer "Jenny" Kangas; and grandson, Jonathan "JJ" Bielejeski.

## \* OBITUARIES \*

### **Daniel P. Mealey, 77**

Daniel Peter Mealey, 77, of Babbitt, died on April 28, 2015, at his home, after a long battle with COPD. Dan had requested a “more happy celebration of his life.” It was held on May 16 at Tank’s Bar in Babbitt

He was born on May 15 to William and Margaret (Carrell) Mealey of Wales. Dan served in the U.S. Army in Germany as a truck and tank mechanic, which led him to his career as a heavy equipment operator and mechanic in the mining, logging and road construction industries.

He served on the Embarrass Town Board, volunteered for the Peter Mitchell Committee, was vice-president of the MidKnight Riders Snowmobile Club, and groomed many miles of snowmobile trails in the area.

Dan’s hobbies included fishing, four-wheeling, telling jokes and sharing stories while having a cold one, making lighted bottles for friends, and cooking large batches of his famous vegetable soup to share with others. He was a very good handyman and had the rare magical skill of “witching a well”.

Dan is survived by his end of life caretaker, Gerry Mealey of Babbitt; four children, Jeffrey Mealey of Cloquet, Joel Mealey of Eveleth, Jill (Trent) McDowell and John (Misty) Mealey, both of Babbitt; two grandsons, Troy (Kirstye) Mealey of Ely and Logen Mealey of Babbitt; granddaughter, Kayla, and two great-granddaughters, Hailey and Skylar, all of Virginia; two siblings, David Mealey of Silver Bay and Jane Holm of Babbitt; sister-in-law, Phyllis Mealey of Two Harbors, numerous nieces and nephews; special family friend, Tim; several grand-dogs, including his special nurse with fur, Lizzy; and many friends to whom he was well-known as “Dan the Man”.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Bill, Jim and John; sister, Mary Hagen; sisters-in-law, Leora, Donna and Edda; and brothers-in-law, Dale Holm and Kenneth Hagen.

### **John R. Warren, 83**

John Richard “Jack” Warren, 83, of Winton, died unexpectedly on Friday, April 24, 2015, in his home. Lois “Jean” Warren, his loving wife of 56 years, was by his side. A memorial service was held on April 30 at Grace Lutheran Church in Ely. Jack was laid to rest with military honors at the Ely Cemetery.

Jack was born on the family farm, the third eldest of nine siblings, in Highbridge, Wis., on Aug. 21, 1931. He graduated from the Ashland High School in 1949. A short

stint on the ore boats in Superior followed. Jack then enlisted in the U.S. Army and served his country in Korea. During his service he spent nine months on the front line. Jack left the Army as a corporal on Dec. 22, 1953. He was awarded the Korean Service Medal, two Bronze Service Stars, United Nations Service Medal, an Overseas Bar, a Good Conduct Medal and “The Meritorious Unit Commendation” along with his brothers of the C Battery, 235 Field Observation Battalion.

After the war, Jack made good on the GI Bill and graduated from the Dunwoody School of Welding. He then made his way to the Iron Range area. He met his mate of 56 years on an informal date at Burntside Lodge in 1956. A layoff at Reserve Mining Co. took him away from the area, but he returned to Reserve and to Ely to find his wife and plant his roots. Jack and Jean were united in marriage on June 7, 1958, in Ely at Bethany Lutheran Church.

He was a welder at Reserve Mining Co. for the majority of his working years. After Reserve’s shut down, Jack welded for Generation Two in Babbitt and then for Viking Pulper. It has been said by many that Jack Warren was a master at his trade.

Jack felt most comfortable in the woods. He loved his time on Basswood Lake, Lac La Croix and at the Mud Creek shack and was an avid hunter and fisherman. Hardworking and honest, he was a man of few words. He was humble, and he was proud.

Jack is survived by his wife; three children, Bryan Warren of Winton, Sheri Lewis (Greg) of Woodbury and Kathy Zupancich (Mark) of Ely; grandchildren, Raychal Zupan (Alex) of Austin, Texas, Jennifer Zupancich of Ely, and Chelsea Lewis and Natalie Lewis of Woodbury; great-granddaughter, Claire Zupan; seven siblings, Wally (Bunny) Warren of Embarrass, Robert “Bub” (Teri) Warren of Highbridge; Shirley (LeRoy) Schiestl and Mary (Kenneth) Kivi, both of Minneapolis, Joyce (Kenneth) Luttinen of Abbottsford, Lois (Peter) O’Dovero of Marquette and Susan (James) Wiener of Highbridge; brother-in-law, Gordy Kivi; special cousin, Larry Utto; and neighbor and friend, Dale Whiting.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Ida Warren; sisters, JoAnn Kivi and Elenore LeDell; brother-in-law, Dean LeDell; and special aunts, uncles and cousins.

## \* OBITUARIES \*

### **Joshua A. Mathson, 29**

Joshua Aaron Mathson, 29, formerly of Embarrass, died on April 4, 2015, as a result of injuries from a motor vehicle accident in Van Horn, Texas. A service and internment were held in El Paso, Texas, on April 14. A memorial service was held on May 2 at the Embarrass Evangelical Free Church.

Josh was born on Sept. 13, 1985, in Robbinsdale. He moved to Embarrass in 1988. He attended school in Babbitt and graduated in 2004. While in school, he played football, basketball and his favorite sport, baseball. After graduating, he went to Iowa Central Community College for two years, and continued his education in Georgia. While planning to pursue a career in baseball, he ended up falling in love with El Paso, Texas, and the people there and decided to make his home there. He was united in marriage to Cera Lampman on Aug. 10, 2013. He had worked in Odessa, Texas, for the past two years.

Joshua is survived by his wife, Cera; stepson, Jeremy; and son, Easton, who turned one year-old on April 23; parents, Kirby and Tammi Mathson of Embarrass; brother, Luke (Amanda) and nieces Zoey and Avery of Virginia; sister, Brooke (Evan) Officer of Virginia; grandparents, Phyllis Cain of Virginia and Virginia (Arnie) Deboer of Austin.

He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Homer Cain and Carlyle Mathson.

### **Barry C. Martinson Sr., 65**

Barry Curtis Martinson Sr., fondly known as "Big Bear," 65, died on May 13, 2015, surrounded by his family after a courageous battle with cancer at the Solvay Hospice House in Duluth. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on May 30 at Ziemer-Moeglein-Shatava Funeral Home in Gilbert with Rev. Raymond Hewitt officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Internment will be in the Sand Lake Cemetery at a later date

Barry was born on Aug. 7, 1949, to Roger and Virginia (Balke) Martinson Sr. in Cook. He grew up in Cook, graduating in the class of 1967. Following high school, he moved to Colorado. Upon returning to the Iron Range, he met the love of his life, Bonnie Willett. They were married Aug. 15, 1970, in Watertown, S.D. The couple made their home in the Eveleth-Gilbert area their entire married life. Barry was employed for Tufco Inc., until retiring after 34 years of service. After retirement, he worked at the Faces North group home for vulnerable adults, where he was well-liked by the residents.

Barry enjoyed hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, camping, boating, gardening and storytelling. He was an avid outdoor woodsman. Barry was an active volunteer in the community

and also coached youth baseball. Barry especially enjoyed his family and spending time with them. He will be remembered as a caring and giving man, a treasured friend to many, and a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. He will be dearly missed.

Survivors include his wife of 44 years, Bonnie; two children, Barry (Pramchit) Martinson Jr., who recently returned after 25 years overseas, and Lisa (Mark) Fabish of Embarrass; seven grandchildren, John, Elizabeth, Christopher and Arthur Cielo, Cody Luzaich, Ty and Beau Fabish; five siblings, Kathy Sarazine of Cook, Roger (Gerry) Martinson Jr. of Cook, Gloria (Grant) Strand of Virginia, Coralee (Greg) Mihm of Lake Vermilion and Valerie (Jerry) Ohotto of Cook; sister-in-law, Colleen (Tim) Willett Trygg of Angora; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a sister, Lauren Ann.

### **Andrew Espey, 83**

Andrew Espey of Jackson, Minnesota left this world his way on Tuesday May 26, 2015 in Iowa surrounded by family and friends. Memorial services will be 11:00 am Friday at Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home in Spirit Lake, with Rev. Steve DeKok celebrating. Military rites will be conducted by the VFW Post #3388 and the American Legion Post #91 of Estherville. Visitation will be 10:00 am until service time Friday.

Andrew Olince Espey, the son of Adolph and Serina (Vervik) Espey, was born on August 31, 1931 in Alton, Iowa. He served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. On September 2, 1955 Andrew was united in marriage with Lois Mae Rockne in Estherville, Iowa. He had worked as a carpenter and a locomotive mechanic at Erie Mining Company. Andrew was a lifetime member of the Estherville VFW. He enjoyed the outdoors, auction sales, jigsaw puzzles, playing checkers and chess and spending time with his family and friends.

Left to cherish Andrew's memory are his three daughters, Teri (Erik) Ahlstrand of Winthrop, MN, Berly (Gary) Teigen of Stoughton, WI and Serina Abbott of Jackson, MN; two sons, Scott (Pamela) Espey of Alpha, MN and David Espey of Ocheyedan; ten grandchildren, Amanda, Samuel, Jacob, Josiah, Stenetta, Timothy, Benjamin, Kelsey, Jeremiah and Brody; four great grandchildren; a sister, Martha Kruckenberg of Embarrass, MN; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; and seven brothers, Curtis, Elmer, Oscar, Kenneth, Peter, Theodore and Alfred.



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### Speaker List:

June 7 – David Tumberg

June 14 – Carl Lamppa

June 21 – Bob Tumberg

June 28 – Canceled due to ALC Church  
Convention in New York Mills – June 24-  
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## Hope Lutheran Church

5088 Hwy 21, Embarrass, MN 55732

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Pastor Evelyn Panula Weston

### Office hours:

Monday to Friday 9:30am-12:30pm

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### Worship – Sunday's at 10:30 a.m.

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### Weekly Schedule:

Sunday Family Bible Classes 9:00 am  
Family Worship 10:30 am

Wednesday

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Thursday

Men's Prayer - 6:00 a.m.

### Special Events:

#### "Celebration" Sunday

Sunday, June 7, 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Guest Missionaries

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<b>April 26</b> 31/56	<b>April 27</b> 18/60	<b>April 28</b> 20/68	<b>April 29</b> 30/63	<b>April 30</b> 21/62	<b>May 1</b> 23/61	<b>May 2</b> 34/67 trace pc
<b>May 3</b> 35/76 trace pc	<b>May 4</b> 54/70	<b>May 5</b> 30/65	<b>May 6</b> 24/63 pc .02"	<b>May 7</b> 44/62	<b>May 8</b> 53/62 pc .13"	<b>May 9</b> 35/49
<b>May 10</b> 34/50	<b>May 11</b> 34/47 pc 1.39"	<b>May 12</b> 34/41 pc .31"	<b>May 13</b> 30/45 pc .03"	<b>May 14</b> 24/40 pc .45"	<b>May 15</b> 37/49 pc .39"	<b>May 16</b> 41/56
<b>May 17</b> 34/58 pc .15"	<b>May 18</b> 55/59 pc .15"	<b>May 19</b> 34/40 pc .12"	<b>May 20</b> 26/56	<b>May 21</b> 24/58	<b>May 22</b> 34/68	<b>May 23</b> 25/70
<b>May 24</b> 36/79	<b>May 25</b> 37/78 pc .25"	<b>May 26</b> 51/57 pc .70"	<b>May 27</b> 48/68	<b>May 28</b> 45/79		

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				<b>May 1</b> 32/37 pc .48"	<b>May 2</b> 33/46	<b>May 3</b> 29/49 pc .12"
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<b>May 11</b> 28/69 pc .10"	<b>May 12</b> 41/74 pc .09"	<b>May 13</b> 41/44 pc .80"	<b>May 14</b> 39/50 pc .05"	<b>May 15</b> 30/42 trace snow	<b>May 16</b> 33/43 trace snow	<b>May 17</b> 28/51
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<b>May 25</b> 53/84	<b>May 26</b> 56/84	<b>May 27</b> 59/78	<b>May 28</b> 46/79	<b>May 29</b> 39/80	<b>May 30</b> 40/85	<b>May 31</b> 45/86 pc .12"